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Dear Mr. Parker:

Enclosed for your information are copies of a Director's Decision, letter of transmittal, Federal Register Notice, and NUREG-1285, "Reed Report" issued by the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation in response to a Petition filed under 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. The Petition was filed by Ms. Anna Harlowe on behalf of the Ecology Center of Southern California.

The petitioner requested that the NRC fix or close all nuclear power reactors designed by General Electric Company (GE). As discussed in the enclosed Director's Decision, the petitioner's request under 10 CFR 2.206 has been denied.

The petitioner also expressed concern that GE is pursuing a "standardized" Advanced Boiling Water Reactor design which petitioner alleges fails to address many of the shortcomings identified by GE's own engineers as far back as the 1975 Reed Report. The petitioner was informed that the staff has not yet completed its safety evaluation for advanced boiling water reactor designs, nor has any utility applied for a license to build or operate an advanced boiling water reactor.

Sincerely,

~~Original signed by~~

John O. Thoma, Acting Director
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Enclosures:

1. Letter dated December 4, 1989
to Ms. Anna Harlowe
2. Director's Decision dated
December 4, 1989
3. Federal Register Notice
dated December 4, 1989
4. NUREG-1285, "Reed Report"

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